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SUBJECT: LOS CONFERENCE PRESIDENCY

1. AS OF END OF WIDELY ATTENDED DINNER HOSTED BY EVENSEN
JANUARY 22 SITUATION AS FOLLDWS. ASIAN GROUP WILL SUPPORT
AMERASINGHE AS LONG AS HE WISHES TO HOLD PRESIDENCY.
THEY AND AFRICANS NOTE THAT GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA
REGARDS AMERASINGHE AS SRI LANKA NATIONAL, AND DOES NOT
OBJECT TO HIS CONTINUING AS PRESIDENT. CERTAIN LATINS
(E.G. BRAZIL, ARGENTINA, URUGUAY, PERU, VENEZUELA)
OBJECT TO AMERASINGHE CONTINUING AS PRESIDENT, AS CALERO
(BRAZIL) PUT IT, QUOTE SO LONG AS HE IS NOT A MEMBER OF
AN ASIAN DELEGATION .END QUOTE. IT APPEARS AT LEAST SOME
LATINS WILL OBJECT IF AMERASINGHE TAKES CHAIR EVEN IN THE
FACE OF A VOTE. SOVIETS AGREE WITH LATIN JURIDICAL VIEW,
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BUT ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT CONTINUATION IN OFFICE IN THE
INTERESTS OF THE CONFERENCE ON THREE CONDITIONS: (1) GSL
CONSENT, (2) CONSENSUS OF CONFERENCE: QUOTE NO OBJECTION
FROM EVEN ONE PARTICIPANT. END QUOTE, AND NO VOTING,
(3) CLEAR ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THIS IS EXCEPTIONAL CASE AND
DOES NOT CONSTITUTE PRECEDENT. SOVIETS MADE CLEAR THAT
IF SECOND CONDITION IS NOT MET, THEY CANNOT SUPPORT

CONTINUATION. AMB RICHARDSON (US) SAID HE HAD NOT HEARD CONVINCING EXPLANATION OF WHY JURIDICAL OBJECTION IS NOT OVERCOME BY FACT THAT GSL IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT AND RECOGNIZE AMERASINGHE PRESIDENCY; HE URGED LATINS AND ASIANS TO CONSULT. GENERAL VIEW WAS THAT VOTE WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE, AND MATTER SHOULD BE RESOLVED BEFORE CONFERENCE OPENS.

2. URGING ASIAN GROUP TO COME UP WITH NEW CANDIDATE, AND EXCLUDING ONLY JAPAN AS A MAJOR POWER, CASTANEDA (MEXICO) SPECIFICALLY PRAISED KOH OF SINGAPORE AND SAID HE WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

ACCEPTABLE DESPITE HIS EARLIER ROLE AS ADVOCATE FOR PARTICULAR POINT OF VIEW DIFFERENT FROM CASTANEDA'S. KOH SAID ON REFLECTION HE FELT HIS PARTISAN ROLE MIGHT GIVE OTHERS DIFFICULTY, AND SPECIFICALLY PRAISED NANDAN OF FIJI AS CANDIDATE IN THE EVENT AMERASINGHE STEPS DOWN.

3. UNDER SYG ZULETA POINTED OUT THAT NO SRI LANKA DELEGATION HAS YET BEEN ACCREDITED. HE SAID IT WAS NOT HIS RESPONSIBILITY TO EXPLAIN POSITION OF REGIONAL GROUPS TO AMERASINGHE; THEY SHOULD DO SO.

4. COMMENT: SITUATION STILL FLUID. ASIAN GROUP MEETS THIS MORNING. WHATEVER THE OUTCOME, SOME BITTERNESS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BETWEEN LATINS AND ASIANS IS LIKELY TO PREVAIL FOR AWHILE. VANDEN HEUVEL

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